



Lent and Easter resources for teachers of children and youth
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DVDs

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: HE IS RISEN (101016) This DVD begins at the crucifixion of Jesus and the soldier recognizing him as the son of God. Tells the story of his burial, the resurrection, appearances to the women and disciples, and concludes with his ascension into heaven forty days later. Soundtrack and optional captioning available in English and Spanish. Age: Preschool – Middle school. 30 Minutes.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: HE IS RISEN ACTIVITY BOOK (810084) This reproducible resource and activity book includes coloring pages, puzzles, matching games, word searches, and more. Activities are designed in three levels of difficulty -- easy, intermediate, advanced. 60 Pages.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: THE MESSIAH COMES! (101001) In His final days on earth, Jesus' disciples struggle to understand His mission. They are blinded by their expectations of the Messiah, thinking He would deliver them from Roman rule. Journey with the disciples as they witness Jesus cleansing the temple, triumphantly entering Jerusalem, and healing a lame man. After Jesus' resurrection the disciples finally understand! Jesus offers deliverance from the bondage of sin and death, giving hope of eternal life through His atonement. Soundtrack and optional captioning available in English and Spanish. Age: Early elem. – Middle school. 30 Minutes.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: THE MESSIAH COMES! ACTIVITY BOOK (810087) This reproducible resource and activity book includes coloring pages, puzzles, matching games, word searches, and more. Activities are designed in three levels of difficulty -- easy, intermediate, advanced. 60 Pages.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: WORTHY IS THE LAMB (101003) This DVD explains how the Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled in the Passion of Christ, highlighting the following events: Judas plots with the chief priests, the colt, the Last Supper, Gethsemane, Jesus is tried for blasphemy, Peter's denial, Pontius Pilate, and the Crucifixion. Soundtrack and optional captioning available in English and Spanish. Age: Early elem. – Middle school. 28 Minutes.

ANIMATED STORIES FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT: WORTHY IS THE LAMB ACTIVITY BOOK (810090) This reproducible resource and activity book includes coloring pages, puzzles, matching games, word searches, and more. Activities are designed in three levels of difficulty -- easy, intermediate, advanced. 60 Pages.

BEDBUG BIBLE GANG: AMAZING ANIMALS! (102041) Join the fun and lively bedbugs and learn the stories of Daniel for Dinner, The Lost Sheep, and The Furriest Float (Palm Sunday). Each story includes the Bible story told in rhyme, a song, and an on-screen puzzle. Also includes the song 'Bedbugs on Safari.' Age: Preschool – Early elem. 23 Minutes.

BEDBUG BIBLE GANG: EASTER PARTY! (102025) Join the fun and lively bedbugs and learn the stories of the Palm Parade, The Garden Surprise, and Doubting Thomas. Each story includes the Bible story told in rhyme, a song, and an on-screen puzzle. Also includes the song 'Jolly Jelly Jellybean Factory.' Age: Preschool – Early elem. 27 Minutes.

BEDBUG BIBLE GANG: NIFTY NEW TESTAMENT STORIES! (102079) Join the fun and lively bedbugs to learn Bible stories. Three 23-minute episodes on one DVD: 1) Bundle of Bucks! features The Greedy Farmer, Rich Guy and Needle

Eye, The Ten Talents; 2) Positively Peter! features Peter's Problem (denial), Feed My Sheep, Tabitha; 3) Hey, That's God! features The Centurion Sees (belief at the crucifixion), Road to Emmaus, Doubting Thomas. Each story includes the Bible story told in rhyme, a song, and an on-screen puzzle. Also includes the songs 'The Bedbug Vacation,' 'The Bug Dollhouse,' and 'Once Upon a Bedbug.' Age: Preschool – Early elem. 69 Minutes.

BEDBUG BIBLE GANG: PLANTS AND ANIMALS! (102062) Join the fun and lively bedbugs to learn Bible stories. Three 23-minute episodes on 1 DVD: 1) Playing with Plants! features The Wheat and the Weeds, Jonah and the Shade Tree, Vine and Branches; 2) Animal Pals! features Daniel for Dinner, The Lost Sheep, Palm Sunday Donkey; 3) Shepherds and Sheep! features Burning Bush, Bethlehem Shepherds, The Sheep and the Goats. Each story includes the Bible story told in rhyme, a song, and an on-screen puzzle. Also includes the songs 'Bedbug Dance Party,' 'Bedbugs on Safari,' and 'Bedbug Alphabet.' Age: Preschool – Early elem. 69 Minutes.

EASTER (105005) Part of the 'Holidays for Children' series. DVD chapters: Introduction; The Story of Jesus; Easter Customs; Storybook: The Myth of Persephone; Greek Dancing; Making an Easter Basket Part 1; Easter Fun; Making an Easter Basket Part 2; Conclusion. Includes leader's guide. Has English and Spanish language tracks. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Elementary. 23 Minutes.

EASTER PROMISE/THE WITNESS (105015) Two animated stories for children on one DVD. '*Easter Promise*' (44 minutes). Jerem dreams of being a soldier for a king. He is thrilled to hear about the upcoming arrival of the true King. Jerem, however, is fooled by appearances and soon rejects Jesus along with most of Jerusalem. In a wonderful lesson about truth, appearances, and forgiveness, Jerem ultimately trusts in Jesus and witnesses the resurrection. '*The Witness*' (44 minutes). For Barabbas, his journey to faith starts with his doubts about Jesus Christ's divinity. His secure unbelief is shattered as he tries to prove to himself that Jesus was a man like any other. After interviewing a variety of witness to the life, ministry, miracles, and power of Jesus he comes to faith in Him. Includes Spanish soundtrack option. Age: Elementary. 88 Minutes.

EASTER STORYKEEPERS (105026) Dark times befall Ben the Baker, the leader and storykeeper of a valiant group of Christians, in this animated tale. Ben, his wife Helena, and their band of adopted children face the full fury of the Roman emperor Nero as he tightens his brutal grip on the city. A daring escape leads them to shelter in the catacombs, where Ben's stories of the last days of Jesus and his resurrection give new hope and strength. CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Elementary. 70 Minutes.

FISH EYES LIVE (106021) Author: Swartz, Ted and Eshleman, Lee. These humorous skits help you see Bible events in a new way: Cana Wedding Receiving Line (4 min.); Cana Wedding Reception (3 min.); Nicodemus (5 min.); Feeding of the Five Thousand (10 min.); Woman Caught in Adultery (6 min.); The Last Supper Footwashing (6 min.); The Arrest of Jesus (4 min.); Peter's Denials (3 min.); Breakfast on the Beach (9 min.). Age: Middle school - Adult. 50 Minutes.

GREAT BIBLE DISCOVERY SERIES: VOLUME 3 (107026) Join host David Mead as he guides the way through classic stories of the Scripture, explaining the action and posing questions in a fresh, entertaining way. Each of the three episodes on this DVD features a lively interactive approach with live action mixed with storybook style animation. A final quiz following the credits of each story serves as a learning summary. Includes: 1) Discovering the Baby King: The Story of Christmas (30 min.); 2) Discovering the Empty Tomb: The Story of Easter (35 min.); 3) Discovering the Kingdom: Jesus' Kingdom Parables (30 min.). Age: Elementary. 95 Minutes.

GOOD GOD THEATER, ACT 2: NEW TESTAMENT (107042) Author: Ted & Company TheaterWorks. Sixteen humorous skits help you see Bible events in a new way: Gabriel's Announcement (15 min.); Temptation (7 min.); The Call (6 min.); Feeding 5,000 (11 min.); Sermon on the Mount (9 min.); Don't Tell Anyone (5 min.); Last Supper (9 min.); Arrest and Denial (7 min.); Breakfast on the Beach (13 min.); Pentecost (6 min.); Larry the Lame Guy (4 min.); Peter's Vision (6 min.); Philip and the Ethiopian (5 min.); Jerusalem Council (7 min.); Paul in Prison (10 min.); Don't Be Afraid (8 min.). Includes guide. Age: Middle school - Adult. 128 Minutes.

HOLY MOLY EASTER STORY COLLECTION (108065) Designed for use with children ages 4 - 8, this DVD includes four Easter stories: 1) Jesus enters Jerusalem (6 min.); 2) The Last Supper (7 min.); 3) Jesus and the cross (6 min.); 4) The empty tomb (3 min.). Holy Moly DVDs are designed to introduce children to Bible stories through a strong emphasis on humor, fresh perspectives, and the experiences of people in the Bible. Stories are presented using an animated form of pantomime, with sound effects and minimal narration. Pantomime compels us to follow stories without relying wholly on language, instead using visual elements to interpret and understand stories in new ways, and the use of color in Holy Moly videos helps direct attention to the important elements within the story. Age: Preschool – Early elem. 22 Minutes.

HOW CAN I CELEBRATE PASSOVER? (108020) A Young Christian's Introduction to the Seder. Spend a night of celebration with Digger as he learns the significance of the ancient feast of Passover while helping Beth prepare the Seder meal. He is excited to learn that young Christians can enjoy the Passover celebration with the knowledge that Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Includes short rhyming versions of the following Bible stories: Moses, Pharaoh, and the plagues; the first Passover; Moses leads the Israelites to the Promised Land; Jesus celebrates Passover with His disciples. Includes a sing-along song 'The Dayenu.' Age: Preschool – Early elem. 25 Minutes.

IN REMEMBRANCE (109022) Their darkest night together is recreated by the disciples of Jesus as they share their fears, doubts, loves, and loneliness in recounting their last supper and the meaning of Christ in their lives. Age: Middle school - Adult. 30 Minutes.

JESUS GROWS UP / JESUS: WHAT HE SAID, WHAT HE DID (110002) This DVD includes two short segments for children on the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus Grows Up -- This segment begins with the angel's visit to Mary and ends after the family's visit to Jerusalem for Passover (16 minutes). Jesus: What He Said, What He Did -- This segment shows Jesus' baptism, the parables of the prodigal son and the good Samaritan, Jesus performing miracles, and ends with the Crucifixion and the glorious Resurrection (21 min.). Includes leader's guide. Age: Preschool – Early elem. 37 Minutes.

JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE: VOLUME 4 (110054) Using illustrations from 'The Jesus Storybook Bible,' this DVD includes twelve short New Testament Bible stories: 1) The friend of little children (Jesus and the children); 2) The man who didn't have any friends (Zacchaeus); 3) Running away (The lost son); 4) Washed with tears (Sinful woman anoints Jesus); 5) The Servant King (The Last Supper); 6) A dark night in the garden (Garden of Gethsemane); 7) The sun stops shining (The crucifixion); 8) God's wonderful surprise (The resurrection); 9) Going home (The ascension); 10) God sends help (Pentecost); 11) A new way to see (Story of Paul); 12) A dream of heaven (John sees the future). Segments are 4 - 7 minutes long. Age: Preschool – Early elem.

LAST SUPPER (112027) This DVD emphasizes both Christian tradition and Jewish roots as it explores the recipes and courses served at the Seder meal. Filmed and dramatized in the Holy Land and the Middle East, the video is accompanied with a recipe booklet. DVD chapters: Why this night is different; Journey to Jerusalem; Arrangements for the Seder dinner; Traditional foods of the Seder; Jerusalem -- customs and changes; Symbolism; The Cenacle (Upper Room); The First Communion. Includes Spanish soundtrack option. Age: Middle school - Adult. 58 Minutes.

MATTHEW: THE VISUAL BIBLE (113011) Actor Richard Kiley is Matthew, telling this New International translation of the first gospel. This 2-DVD set allows you to search by event or chapter. Includes English and Spanish language tracks. CLOSED CAPTIONED (English only). Age: Middle school - Adult. 240 Minutes.

PATH OF JESUS (116037) Seven short dramas of the life and teachings of Jesus: Introduction (1 min.); The Christmas Story (9 min.); The Temptation (5 min.); Jesus and the Pharisees (10 min.); The Pharisee and the Tax Collector (8 min.); The Decision (6 min.); The Absent King (10 min.); The New Covenant (13 min.). The DVD also includes a director's commentary for each story containing behind-the-scenes information that leaders may want to show before or after each segment. Includes guide. Age: Upper elem. - Adult. 62 Minutes.

ROAD TO EMMAUS (118029) This drama recreates the Road to Emmaus experience. Mourning the death of Jesus, two first-century travelers are joined on the road by a stranger. As they walk, the stranger reveals mysteries hidden in the ancient Scriptures. The purpose of Jesus' life becomes clear and, at the evening meal, the travelers' sadness turns to great joy. They hurry back to Jerusalem, where Jesus rejoins them, showing himself alive to the gathered disciples. Includes English and Spanish language tracks. Age: Middle school - Adult. 30 Minutes.

STORY OF LENT: SPEED SKETCH BIBLE STORIES (119137) This DVD contains six Bible stories told in 'speed sketch' style which are appropriate for use with all ages. Each story is told in two versions: 1) an easy-to-understand narrated paraphrase; 2) narrated directly from the NIV 1984 translation of the Bible. Likewise, each story in both forms is available with either English or Spanish audio. Stories (paraphrase time/NIV scripture time): 1) Nicodemus (5 min./3 min.); 2) Triumphal entry (5 min./2 min.); 3) The Last Supper (4 min./2 min.); 4) Gethsemane (4 min./2 min.); 5) Crucifixion (4 min./6 min.); 6) Resurrection (4 min./2 min.). Lesson plans and coloring pages are available online at <https://www.wesleyan.org/2668/speed-sketch-bible-stories>. Age: All.

TRUE EASTER STORY, THE PROMISE KEPT (120018) Author: Vander Laan, Ray. This DVD reveals insights making the events of Easter meaningful, including the link between Jesus' death at 3 p.m. and the Jewish religious tradition, Jesus' burial in a stone tomb--a custom usually reserved for wealthy citizens, the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham in

every aspect of Jesus' death and resurrection, and the significance of the cup Jesus offered His disciples at the Last Supper (21 min.). Additional 'Lamb of God' segment discusses Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week (22 min.). Also includes a short segment 'Hebrew Thinking' (3 min.) CLOSED CAPTIONED. Age: Middle school - Adult. 46 Minutes.

VISUAL BIBLE FOR KIDS: CHRISTMAS/EASTER (122001) Includes two stories: 'The Birth of Jesus' (25 min.) and 'The Story Behind the Cross' (27 min.). Scenes from the Visual Bible are inserted into contemporary stories of skeptical youth learning about Jesus. Age: Elementary – Middle school. 52 Minutes.

VICTORY AT JERUSALEM (122006) Author: Kelly, Ronald. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this DVD tells the story of the most important event in all of human history -- the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Join pastor Ronald Kelly as he retraces the sites and events of Christ's last days. Age: Middle school - Adult. 70 Minutes.

Books

24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD FOR OLDER CHILDREN (911007) Designed for children ages 9 - 12. Seven sessions: The Triumphal Entry; Jesus Washes Disciples' Feet; The Last Supper; The Garden of Gethsemane; Arrest and Peter's Denial; The Crucifixion; The Resurrection. 64 Pages.

50 PRAYER SERVICES FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS FOR EVERY SEASON OF THE CHURCH YEAR AND MORE (814048) Author: Clark, Connie. Designed for use with 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, this book contains a variety of prayer activities for Catholics, but most of them can be used by Protestants with little or no adaptation. Includes seasonal prayers (starting the school year, fall feasts and remembrances, Advent and December, Christmas time and winter, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost), and anytime prayers. 139 Pages.

AROUND THE YEAR IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 52 PROGRAMS FOR KIDS AGES 3 - 7 (814159) Author: Flinn, Lisa and Younger, Barbara. This book contains active, hands-on lessons that will help children understand how the Christian church marks time. Each program contains a simple Christian message, a Bible verse, a story, a prayer, a music suggestion, and a craft to reinforce the message. Lessons include the major seasons of Advent, Lent, and Pentecost, and also lesser-known holidays including Candlemas, the Festival of Booths, World Communion Sunday, and Christ the King Sunday. God's world, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Back-to-School, and Thanksgiving are all viewed from a Christian perspective. Help the children in your Children's Church program understand these and other holidays! 128 Pages.

AUGSBURG SERMONS FOR CHILDREN (815068) Drawn primarily from Luke and John, this book contains sixty children's sermons based on Series C Gospel texts. 125 Pages.

BEYOND GROUNDHOGS AND GOBBLERS (804223) Author: Slazmann, Cyndy. Putting Meaning Back into Your Holiday Celebrations. Put the 'holy' back into your holidays with this month-by-month guide. Includes New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Groundhog Day, St. Valentine's Day, President's Day, St. Patrick's Day, April Fool's Day, Easter Season, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Birthdays, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Halloween/Halloween Alternatives, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas. Includes recipes. 135 Pages.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHRISTIAN YEAR (805057) Author: Halverson, Delia. Useful, easy-to-use guidance, resources, and reproducible pages help new and veteran children's leaders interpret the meaning of the Christian year to children from preschool through elementary age. 116 Pages.

CHILDREN'S DRAMAS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR: REPRODUCIBLE DRAMAS FOR LENT, EASTER, AND PENTECOST (814001) Author: Miller, Linda Ray. A collection of skits, readings, poems, and simple songs for use with children of all ages. Most selections take less than ten minutes to perform and props and scenery are minimal. 60 Pages.

DEEP BLUE YEAR OF FESTIVALS: INTERGENERATIONAL CELEBRATIONS (816165) Eight intergenerational celebrations organized to include worship, fun, and faith formation. Each plan includes schedules, activities, worship outlines, event setups, and suggestions for advertising and outreach into the community. Includes: Harvest jamboree; Fall festival; Reverse Advent celebration; New year praise and prayer; Lenten community pilgrimage; Pentecost planting -- salad in a pot; Summer fun progressive picnic; Costume party. 48 Pages.

DESTINATION EASTER! LENTEN PROGRAMS & PRACTICES FOR YOUTH (849911) Author: Hershman, Kathy & Hutson, Kaylea. There's more to Lent than giving up something! Programs include: Ash Wednesday, The Last Supper, the

Crucifixion, and the Great Commission. Practices include: Ash Wednesday service, Peter's walk (devotional experience), Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday, making a palm bouquet, agape feast, a footwashing service, Stations of the Cross. Includes reproducible materials. 81 Pages.

DO YOU SEE THE SAVIOR? (807196) Author: Mead, David. A Seek-and-Find Book for Lent. Similar to the popular 'I Spy' books, this book of daily devotions, rhymes, and full-color photos is a fun way of telling the Easter story to children. 32 Pages.

DON'T JUST SIT THERE: BIBLE STORIES THAT MOVE YOU FOR AGES 6-8 (826810) Author: Stickler, LeeDell. You don't have to sit still to learn Bible stories! This book includes instructions for Bible story props, puppets, sensory learning experiences, songs, fingerplays, drama, and actions to teach the Scriptures to younger elementary children. Includes Scripture index. Includes five Easter season stories. 112 Pages.

EASTER EXTRAS: FAITH-FILLED IDEAS FOR EASTER WEEK (808024) This small booklet includes ideas for Palm Sunday, Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday for use with children. 24 Pages.

EASTER GARDEN: A LENTEN EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN (813000) Author: Flegal, Daphna and Stoner, Marcia. 'The Easter Garden' is an event where children of all ages hear the stories of Holy Week, create a garden, make banners for worship, prepare table decorations, and help serve a meal to their parents and/or congregation. The children will also participate in a worship service with parents or with the entire congregation. Includes plans for a six or seven-week study with or without a separate meal and worship service, Saturday evening/Sunday morning event, or a large one-day event with a shared meal and worship service. Sessions: 1) Jesus enters Jerusalem; 2) Jesus washes the disciples' feet; 3) The Last Supper; 4) The Garden; 5) Peter's denial; 6) The cross and the tomb; 7) Jesus lives. An opportunity for service is included as part of each session. An accompanying CD-ROM includes music, PowerPoint slides, and a variety of printable materials. 128 Pages.

EASTER LOST AND FOUND: THE STORY OF JESUS (805217) Author: Mead, Arden and David. A Seek-and-Find Book for Lent. Similar to the popular 'I Spy' books, this book of daily devotions, rhymes, and full-color photos is a fun way of telling the Easter story to children. 32 Pages.

EASTER-RIFIC! (814215) Author: Houser, Tina. This idea book for teachers provides activities, games, crafts, snacks, science experiments, storytelling ideas, and object lessons for use with children in exploring the time between Palm Sunday and Jesus' Ascension and the Great Commission. 143 Pages.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF BIBLE GAMES FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (806175) Author: Witte, Vicki and Keefer, Mikal, editors. Part 1: Bible Story Games. Part 2: Jesus Is...Games. Part 3: The Bible Is...Games. Part 4: Holiday Games (Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas). Part 5: Wild 'n' Wacky Games. Part 6: Total Silence Games. Part 7: Travel Time Games. Part 8: Icebreaker Games. Part 9: Group Builder Games. Includes Scripture and Energy-level indexes. 270 Pages.

ESSENTIAL LENT: HOLY MOMENTS AND SACRED EXPERIENCES FOR YOUR WHOLE CONGREGATION (814219) Author: Jannsohn, Aimee, editor. This book offers interesting, easy-to-prepare activities and worship experiences that invite your church to delve a little deeper into this season and make it more meaningful. Includes activities for adults, young adults, youth, older children, younger children, and intergenerational groups. 111 Pages.

FAITH AT HOME: A HANDBOOK FOR CAUTIOUSLY CHRISTIAN PARENTS (817057) Author: Barrie, Wendy Claire. The author, a member of the Episcopal church, discusses how to give children a foundation of faith through practices and rituals in the home. Chapters: Talking about God; Talking with God; Bible stories; Why church?; Seasons and celebrations (discusses Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Martin Luther King Jr., Valentine's Day, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Summer saints -- Holy Women, Holy Men, Fall saints -- Saint Francis, Martin of Tours, Halloween, All Saints Day, All Souls Day); Making home holy (special days, rituals, milestones); Finding God in difficult times; Meeting God in others; A note to clergy and church educators. Includes glossary and bibliography. 146 Pages.

FOOD AT THE TIME OF THE BIBLE: FROM ADAM'S APPLE TO THE LAST SUPPER (804209) Author: Vamosh, Miriam Feinberg. This full-color reference book describes the various foods and how they were grown and prepared. Includes recipes and index. 104 Pages.

HOLIDAY IDEAS FOR YOUTH GROUPS (814220) Author: Newby, Vicki, editor. Compiled from ideas submitted by youth leaders, this book contains over 200 festive activities, games, songs, and skits for use during the New Year, St. Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, Easter/Lent, Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas/Advent seasons. Also includes a few ideas for Super Bowl, April Fool's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Graduation. 189 Pages.

HOMEMADE YEAR: THE BLESSINGS OF COOKING, CRAFTING, AND COMING TOGETHER

(814006) Author: Greer, Jerusalem Jackson. The author shares her experiences of sharing the liturgical year with her family. Includes crafts and recipes. Chapters: Advent; St. Lucy's Day; Christmas Day; St. Stephen's Day; Epiphany; Candlemas; Shrove Tuesday; Ash Wednesday; The Season of Lent; St. Joseph's Day; Palm Sunday; Maundy Thursday; Holy Saturday; Easter; Pentecost Sunday; Corpus Christi; St. James's Day; Ordinary Time; Holy Cross Day; Michaelmas; All Saints' and All Souls' Day; Christ the King Sunday. 212 Pages.

J IS FOR JESUS: AN EASTER ALPHABET AND ACTIVITY BOOK (817194) Author: O'Neal, Debbie Trafton. In this full-color picture book for young children, the Easter story from Palm Sunday through Easter morning is told with simple text, highlighting one alphabet letter per page. The following activities are suggested: place mats or table runner, window paintings, outdoor banner or flag, a diorama. Illustrated by Jan Bryan-Hunt. 28 Pages.

LENTEN TREE (808000) Author: Smith, Dean Meador. Devotions for Children and Adults to Prepare for Christ's Death and His Resurrection. This book includes devotions and patterns for decorating a Lenten tree with 41 symbols that represent Jesus Christ and his life. 189 Pages.

MADE FOR A MIRACLE: YOUTH STUDY (917061) Author: Tinley, Josh. Based on Mike Slaughter's study "Made for a Miracle," this six-session study will help youth examine the two parts of every miracle - divine action and human responsibility. For a real miracle to take place, we must act with God, directing our gifts, talents, and abilities toward God's work in the world. Sessions: 1) You were made for a miracle; 2) Miracles come with a cost; 3) The miracle of love; 4) Activate the power of faith; 5) Activate the power of prayer; 6) Activate health and healing. This youth book also acts as the leader guide. 64 Pages.

MAKE ROOM: A CHILD'S GUIDE TO LENT AND EASTER (817023) Author: Alary, Laura. This full-color book for children talks about the Kingdom of God and events in Jesus' life and Holy Week and explains that, during Lent, we think about the following concepts: making time (prayer, listening for God's voice, thinking about choices); making space (repentance, forgiveness, sharing, simplicity); and making room (reaching out to the sick, lonely, and strangers). Illustrated by Ann Boyajian. 32 pages.

MESSY CHURCH: FRESH IDEAS FOR BUILDING A CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY (817205) Author: Moore, Lucy. The Messy Church model offers your church a tool to bring people of all ages and stages of faith together for a unique come-as-you-are experience of creativity, celebration, and hospitality. With instructions for starting a program at your church, this book includes 15 sessions for use throughout the year. Session topics: Abraham and Sarah; Joseph; Moses; Joshua; I Am the True Vine; I Am the Light of the World; I Am the Good Shepherd; Messy Christmas; Creation; A new start (Noah and the flood); New life in Jesus (Easter); New life in the Spirit (Pentecost); Bible mountains; Bible roads; Bible seascapes. 205 Pages.

MESSY EASTER (817299) Author: Leadbetter, Jane. Designed for use with intergenerational groups, this book includes three once-a-month sessions and a treasure trove of ideas for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Chapters: Lent Messy Church; Holy Week Messy Church; Easter Messy Church; Creative Easter prayers; Easter extras; Easter food and food crafts; Easter games; Easter trail. Includes index. 91 Pages.

MISSION: EASTER (805062) Author: Outcalt, Todd. Youth Programs and Ideas for Lent. The purpose of this book is to provide youth leaders, Christian education directors, and Sunday school teachers with programs and ideas they can use in a variety of settings throughout the Lenten season. It includes: seven programs, one for each Sunday in Lent; 3 short programs for the sacred weekdays of Lent: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday; two easy-to-perform skits for the Lenten season; a variety of worship ideas; and a Lenten retreat plan. 80 Pages.

PASSING IT ON: HOW TO NURTURE YOUR CHILDREN'S FAITH SEASON BY SEASON (815174) Author: Oliver, Kara Lassen. Providing plans for four units (Advent -- preparing to receive the gifts of Christmas, Lent -- living in the awkward season (4 weeks), summer -- turning ordinary into extraordinary, and back-to-school -- growing fruit of the Spirit) this book provides plans for weekly family gatherings with age-appropriate activities. A leader's guide for parent groups using the book together is also provided. 94 Pages.

PEANUT BUTTER, PAPER, AND PASTE (805224) Author: Gilliam, Brenda. Classroom Crafts and Recipes for the Seasons of the Church Year. Contains activities for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. 88 Pages.

PRAISE GOD WITH BANNERS (805021) Author: Stohs, Anita Reith. Includes more than 40 Bible story banner ideas and patterns. Although intended for use with children in lower grades, they would also be appropriate for youth and adults. Each banner is designed to fit a 9" x 12" piece of felt as a personal banner. Note: instead of felt, you could use scrapbooking papers. Includes seven designs for the Easter season. 64 Pages.

READY-TO-GO RETREATS AND LOCK-INS (806218) Author: Miller, Beth. 16 Complete Plans for Fun and Soulful Events. This book and the accompanying CD-ROM contain plans and handouts for nine weekend retreats (includes Christmas and Lenten retreats) and seven lock-ins (12-hour versions of the non-holiday retreats) designed for youth groups. Retreat titles: Seek and Find; Learning Love; Grace and the Good Shepherd; Light Your Soul Fire; Faith Prints; Soul Mates: Friends for the Journey; Hope: The Rock; Christmas Retreat; Lenten Retreat. A notebook with printed copies of the CD-ROM material is also provided. 95 Pages.

RENEGADE GOSPEL: THE REBEL JESUS – CHILDREN'S LEADER GUIDE (917043) Author: Hoelscher, Sally. Based on Mike Slaughter's study "Renegade Gospel," this six-session study, designed for children in grades K - 6, teaches about Jesus and what it means to follow him. Sessions: 1) Who is Jesus?; 2) Following Jesus; 3) Jesus asks a question (Who do you say that I am?); 4) Seeing Jesus today; 5) The way of the cross; 6) Resurrection. For reference only: do not photocopy pages from this book. 64 Pages.

RENEGADE GOSPEL: THE REBEL JESUS – YOUTH STUDY BOOK (915026) Author: Youngman, Jenny. Based on Mike Slaughter's study "Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus," this six-session study will help youth see who Jesus really is, what He really was about, and what it means to follow Him. Sessions: 1) Discovering the rebel Jesus; 2) Revolutionary lifestyle; 3) The most important question you will ever have to answer; 4) Seeing Jesus today; 5) The way of the cross; 6) Resurrection. The adult-level DVD can be used for this study but is not necessary. This youth book also acts as the leader guide. 64 Pages

SALT AND LIGHT: YOUTH RETREAT DESIGNS (825900) Author: Miller, Martha H., editor. Help for planning retreats for the youth in your congregation. Includes sample forms useful for retreat planning and schedules for several retreats. Incorporates time for group building, prayer, arts and crafts, small group discussion, recreation, music, alone time, quiet time, scripture, and worship. 216 Pages.

SEASONAL SPECIALS FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (814158) Celebrate 13 popular holidays with preschoolers through preteens, all from a Christian perspective. Each session includes a snack, craft, devotion, game, and more. Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas have extra activities to inspire, educate, and celebrate. Includes: New Year's Day; Valentine's Day; St. Patrick's Day; Palm Sunday; Easter; Earth Day; Mother's Day; Memorial Day; Father's Day; Independence Day; Halloween; Thanksgiving; Christmas. Includes index of activities by age-level. 158 Pages.

SEASONS OF FAITH: TEACHING THE CHRISTIAN YEAR (805055) Author: Stoner, Marcia Joslin. A study of the Christian year can be a fun way to unite the generations. This book contains crafts and activities for all ages on special days throughout the year. Includes ideas for service projects. 160 Pages.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH (817214) Author: Flinn, Lisa and Younger, Barbara. A Year's Worth of Programs for Children Ages 3-7. Units include: Sharing God's love in our family; Sharing God's love with friends; Sharing God's love at church; Sharing God's love of nature; Sharing God's love in our community; Sharing God's love in our world; Sharing God's love during holidays - the new year, Epiphany, Valentine's Day, Palm Sunday, Easter, Thanksgiving, Advent/Christmas (Visiting angels, Bethlehem bound, Shepherds' watch, Jesus is born!). 132 Pages.

SHARING THE EASTER FAITH WITH CHILDREN (806047) Author: Brown, Carolyn. Helping Children Observe Lent and Celebrate Easter. Part 1: Telling the Easter Story to Children. Part 2: Keeping Lent and Easter with the Congregation and Family. Part 3: Study Sessions for Parents, Teachers, and Worship Committees. Part 4: Lent-Easter Resources for Children and Their Adults. 123 Pages.

TEACHING & CELEBRATING THE CHRISTIAN SEASONS (826392) Author: Halverson, Delia. A Guide for Pastors, Teachers, and Worship Leaders. For each season and special day, the author explains its history and significance and suggests age-appropriate ways to teach and celebrate these special times, helping to deepen our understanding of Christian traditions and to enrich our Sunday experience. Chapter titles: Why follow the Christian calendar?; The Lord's Day; Advent;

Christmas; Epiphany; Season after Epiphany; Lent; Holy Week; Easter Sunday and the Easter Season; Pentecost; Ordinary Time or the Season after Pentecost; Other special days (Trinity Sunday, Worldwide Communion, All Saints' Day/Halloween, Thanksgiving). Includes a 'Hanging of the Greens' service and 'Way of the Cross' centers. 120 Pages.

THINGS TO MAKE & DO FOR LENT & EASTER (856444) Author: Gee, Martha Bettis. Creative Activities for Children's Ministry. Craft ideas for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. 89 Pages.

WAY: WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS – YOUTH STUDY (912039) Based on Adam Hamilton's book "The Way," this six- or seven-session study, designed for ages 13 to 18, explores the life and ministry of Jesus. Sessions: 1) Baptism and temptation -- the Jordan River and the Wilderness; 2) The healing ministry -- Capernaum; 3) Proclaiming the Kingdom -- the mountains; 4) Calming the storm -- the Sea of Galilee; 5) Sinners, outcasts, and the poor -- Samaria; 6) The final week -- Jerusalem; Optional Session 7) Epilogue: your defining story -- the resurrection (5 min.). Use of the adult-level DVD is recommended but not necessary. Youth book also acts as the leader guide. 72 Pages.

WHAT COLOR IS LENT? (809004) Author: Mead, David. A Seek-and-Find Book for Lent. Similar to the popular 'I Spy' books, this book of daily devotions, rhymes, and full-color photos is a fun way of telling the Easter story to children. 33 Pages.

WHAT MAKES A HERO? CHILDREN'S LEADER GUIDE (917063) Author: Groseclose, Susan. Based on the Matt Rawle study "What Makes a Hero? - The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus," this study contains ideas for younger (ages 5 - 7) and older (ages 8 - 11) children. Children will learn what it means to follow Jesus and be faith heroes in their families and communities. Sessions: 1) Faith heroes show God's goodness; 2) Faith heroes continue God's story; 3) Faith heroes create community; 4) Faith heroes serve others; 6) Faith heroes live as Easter people. 63 Pages.

WHAT MAKES A HERO? YOUTH STUDY BOOK (917062) Author: Poteet, Mike. This six-session study, based on Matt Rawle's study, examines aspects of Jesus' life and work with reference to the stories of superheroes currently popular in mass entertainment. Written for youth grades 6 to 12. Sessions: 1) Jesus is not my hero!; 2) Jesus didn't worry about doing the right thing; 3) Yes, Jesus loves 'them;' 4) What Jesus thinks a wasted life looks like; 5) Jesus' death saves us all. This youth book also acts as the leader guide. 64 Pages.

WHY JESUS FOR ME? (816196) Author: McDonough, Carol and Stoner, Marcia. A Six-Week Study for Tweens. Sessions: 1) Why Christmas?; 2) Why baptism?; 3) Why Lent?; 4) Why Easter?; 5) Why Pentecost?; 6) Why church? 64 Pages.

WORSHIP FEAST: LENT AND EASTER (723017) Author: Baughman, Mike and Jenny Youngman. Complete Worship Outlines for Lent and Easter. This collection contains ideas for the entire season of Lent. The theme of the services focuses on submission and how we can live out our submission to the will of Christ. Includes a music CD with five original Lent-themed songs (19 min.).

WORSHIP FEAST: SERVICES (806002) Author: White, Gossett, Miller, Norman, Youngman. 50 Complete Multisensory Services for Youth. Chapter titles: Prayer services; Services for the spiritual journey; Community-building services; Services for the seasons. 128 Pages.

